

CLAIMS

We claim the following:

- 1 1. A computer implemented document digest system comprised of:
2 a first module configured to enable a user to assign a document to
3 a consultant for creating a digest;
4 a second module configured to enable the consultant to access,
5 create and edit the digest; and
6 a third module configured to enable a reviewer to review the digest
7 created by the consultant.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a login module configured to
2 control access to the system by the user, consultant and reviewer.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a fourth module configured
2 to monitor the status of a digest.
- 1 4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a fifth module configured to
2 enable uploading of the document to the system.

1 5. The system of claim 1, further comprising a sixth module configured to
2 enable distribution of the digest upon completion.

1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the first module is further configured to
2 associate tracking data with the digest.

1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the first module is further configured to
2 provide a list of available consultants from which the consultant may be
3 selected.

1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the second module is further
2 configured to enable the consultant to submit the digest for review by the
3 reviewer.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the third module is further configured
2 to enable a reviewer to approve, edit and reassign the digest created by the
3 consultant.

1 10. The system of claim 1, further comprising
2 a login module configured to control access to the system by the

3 user, consultant and reviewer;
4 a fourth module configured to monitor the status of a digest;
5 a fifth module configured to enable uploading of the document to
6 the system; and
7 a sixth module configured to enable distribution of the digest upon
8 completion;
9 wherein the first module is further configured to associate tracking
10 data with the digest and to provide a list of available consultants from
11 which the consultant may be selected;
12 the second module is further configured to enable the consultant to
13 submit the digest for review by the reviewer; and
14 the third module is further configured to enable a reviewer to
15 approve, edit and reassign the digest created by the consultant.

1 11. A computer implemented document digest process comprised of steps
2 of:
3 assigning a document to a consultant for creating a digest and
4 notifying the consultant of the assignment via network communications;
5 enabling the consultant to access, create and edit the digest for the
6 document;

7 notifying a reviewer of the digest created by the consultant; and
8 enabling the reviewer to review the digest created by the
9 consultant.

1 12. The process of claim 11, further comprising a step of controlling
2 access to the system by the user, consultant and reviewer using a login.

1 13. The process of claim 11, further comprising a step of monitoring the
2 status of a digest.

1 14. The process of claim 11, further comprising a step of uploading the
2 document.

1 15. The process of claim 11, further comprising a step of enabling
2 distribution of the digest upon completion.

1 16. The process of claim 11, wherein the step of assigning a document
2 includes associating tracking data with the digest.

1 17. The process of claim 11, wherein the step of assigning a document

2 includes selecting the consultant from a list of available consultants.

1 18. The process of claim 11, wherein the step of enabling the consultant
2 to access, create and edit the digest for the document includes a step of
3 enabling submission of the digest for review by the reviewer.

1 19. The process of claim 11, wherein the step of enabling a reviewer to
2 review the digest further includes a step of enabling a reviewer to approve,
3 edit and reassign the digest created by the consultant.

1 20. The process of claim 11, further comprising steps of
2 controlling access to the system by the user, consultant and
3 reviewer using a login;
4 monitoring the status of a digest;
5 uploading the document;
6 enabling distribution of the digest upon completion;
7 wherein the step of assigning a document includes associating
8 tracking data with the digest; and
9 the step of assigning a document includes selecting the consultant
10 from a list of available consultants; and

11 the step of enabling the consultant to access, create and edit the digest
12 for the document includes a step of enabling submission of the digest for
13 review by the reviewer; and
14 the step of enabling a reviewer to review the digest further includes a
15 step of enabling a reviewer to approve, edit and reassign the digest created
16 by the consultant.